

## REMARKS

### I. Summary of the Examiner's Action

#### A. Claim Rejections

As set forth in paragraph 4 of the December 22 Office Action, claims 1 – 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,573,844 B1 to Venolia *et al.* (hereinafter “Venolia” or “the Venolia patent”).

These rejections are respectfully disagreed with and traversed below.

#### B. Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 1 because of certain informalities and required appropriate correction.

### II. Applicants' Response

#### A. Rejection of Claims 1 – 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Applicant reproduces claim 1 here as a convenience to the Examiner:

1. A method comprising:  
receiving a separate information unit entered with input elements of a  
dynamic I/O arrangement belonging to a user interface of an  
electronic device;  
identifying after each input the entered information unit and  
determining based on probability which information units  
will likely be input next; and

emphasizing by size the input elements corresponding to the information units likely to be entered next in the user interface of the electronic device, wherein the size of the emphasized input elements are determined on a case-specific basis depending on the probability of the information unit associated with the input element being entered next.

Applicant has amended claim 1, and independent claims 6 and 11, to recite subject matter appearing both in original claim 5 (now cancelled) and at page 6, lines 29 – 31. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of claims 1, 6 and 11, as amended, is neither described nor suggested by the Venolia patent.

In particular, claim 1 now recites “emphasizing by size the input elements corresponding to the information units likely to be entered next in the user interface of the electronic device, wherein the size of the emphasized input elements are determined on a case-specific base depending on the probability of the information unit associated with the input element being entered next.” Applicant respectfully submits that it is not seen where Venolia either describes or suggests this subject matter. In particular, in Venolia keys corresponding to characters likely to be selected next are displayed larger than the other keys, but the size of the keys corresponding to characters likely to be entered next are uniform and are not set on a case-specific basis in dependence on the probability of the character being entered next. In Venolia, the only indication of relative

probability provided to a user is where keys corresponding to likely characters are adjacent. There, the keys are presented at the same nominal size but in a descending order base on probability. Note that this arrangement provides no information concerning the relative probability of characters when the keys corresponding to the characters are not adjacent.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 6 and 11 are allowable over the art of record. As a result, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 1, 6 and 11 be withdrawn. Applicant also requests that the rejection of claims 2, 3, 7, 10, 12 and 14 be withdrawn as well since these claims depend from allowable base claims.

B. Claim Objections

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment of claim 1 has mooted the Examiner's objection to this claim.

III. Conclusion

Applicant submits that in light of the foregoing amendments and remarks the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and that the case be passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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